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**LINK LEVEL NETWORK PROTECTION PATH CALCULATION
MECHANISM FOR USE IN OPTICAL NETWORKS**

X the specification of which is attached hereto.

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